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To: Special Education Local Plan Area (SELPA) Directors
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From: Janet Sterling, Director
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Subject: Recertification of the Special Education First Principal Apportionment,
Fiscal Year 2002-2003

This letter provides information regarding the exhibits for the Special Education Apportionments that were recertified on March 19, 2003. The updated exhibits are available on our Web site at: www.cde.ca.gov/fiscal/special_ed.

First Principal Apportionment of 2002-2003

Minor adjustments were made to the average daily attendance (ADA), which reduced the statewide total ADA from 5,951,965.00 to 5,951,916.93. Recalculation of the special disabilities adjustment (SDA) increased the SDA apportionment from \$71.2 million to \$80.6 million. The additional funds needed to fully fund the SDA apportionment were transferred from the base appropriation, causing the deficiency in the base apportionment to increase from 0.46 percent to 0.88 percent.

Corrections to the 2001-2002 Annual Apportionment were incorporated into the 2002-2003 statewide target rate (STR) and cost of living adjustment (COLA) rate calculations, which resulted in minor changes to the COLA, growth, program specialist/regionalized services (PS/RS), and adjustment for necessary small SELPAs with declining enrollment apportionments.

The COLA, SDA, PS/RS, and nonpublic schools/licensed children's institutions apportionments remain fully funded, while the deficiency in the growth apportionment decreased from 21.81 percent to 21.76 percent.

The 2001-2002 Annual Apportionment

Corrections to the 2000-2001 Annual R-2 apportionment were incorporated into the 2001-2002 Annual calculations, resulting in minor changes to the base, mandate, supplement to base, STR, and COLA rates.

Supplemental equalization was recalculated, increasing the base rate of the 74 lowest funded SELPAs to \$528.23. The base, COLA, and SDA apportionments remain fully funded, while the growth deficiency increased from 7.42 percent to 7.43 percent.

Recertification of the 2000-2001 Annual Apportionment

All 2000-2001 AB 602 entitlements remain fully funded. A minor ADA correction and corrections to the prior year STR and base rate data resulted in minor changes to the base, equalization, growth, SDA, and PS/RS apportionments.

Infant (Ages 0-2) Programs

There were no changes to the Infant (ages 0-2) Programs as certified February 20, 2003.

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